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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-9, 12-16, and 19-23 were pending. The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goldstein (U.S. Patent No. 6,374,287), hereinafter "Goldstein". The Examiner indicates claims 3-5 as reciting allowable subject matter. The Examiner allowed claims 6-9, 12-16, and 19-23. In this response, Applicant has amended claim 3, and canceled claims 1 and 2. Claims 3-9, 12-16, and 19-23 remain pending.

Claim rejections under 35 USC § 103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 2 under Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goldstein. In response, Applicant has canceled the claims. Applicant has amended claim to incorporate the limitations of now cancelled claims 1 and 2. Consistent with the Examiner's appropriate determination that claim 3 recites allowable subject matter, Applicant believes that claim 3 and its dependent claims are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

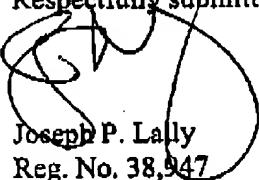
In this response, Applicant has addressed the objections to the claims, and responded to the Examiner's claim rejections under 35 USC § 103(a). Accordingly, Applicant believes that this response constitutes a complete response to each of the issues raised in the office action. In light of the amendments made herein and the accompanying remarks, Applicant believes that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant would request the Examiner to withdraw the rejections, allow the pending claims, and advance the application to

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issue. If the Examiner has any questions, comments, or suggestions, the undersigned attorney would welcome and encourage a telephone conference at 512.428.9872.

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